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INCLUSION OF A NATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION IN THE REGISTER IN CONFORMITY WITH DECISION 43 (VII) OF THE TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT BOARD

Note by the UNCTAD secretariat

1. The Corporation for Development Studies (CORDES)*, a national non-governmental organization, recently applied for inclusion in the Register of such bodies provided for under Board decision 43 (VII), sections III and IV.

2. After consultations with the member State concerned, the Secretary-General has included CORDES in the Register in accordance with Board decision 43 (VII).

3. Information concerning CORDES is annexed to this note.

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* Corporación de Estudios para el Desarrollo.

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Annex

BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE CORPORATION FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES

History

1. The Corporation for Development Studies (CORDES) was founded upon conclusion of his term as President of Ecuador by Osvaldo Hurtado and a group of researchers wishing to undertake academic studies on the fundamental problems affecting the development of Ecuador and other Latin American countries. The organization's statutes were approved by the Ministry of Education and Culture (Agreement No. 5214) on 3 August 1984.

Aims and objectives

2. The principal objectives of CORDES are: to carry out research studies on the economic and social situation in Ecuador and Latin America; to study the political institutions and their influence on democratic stability and development; to promote the diffusion of the themes of research carried out by CORDES through conferences, seminars and publications; to undertake consultancy studies.

Membership

3. Members are admitted to the Corporation by its eight founders which make up the Board of Directors.

Structure

4. The organs of CORDES are the Board of Directors, the President and the Director General. The Board of Directors is the principal governing body and has regular meetings during the months of January and July each year and special meetings by request of the President. The Board, inter alia, elects the President and the Director General, undertakes action for the achievement of the objectives of the Corporation, approves reports, balances and accounts presented by the Director General, approves the annual work programme, and decides on any aspect not foreseen in the Statutes. The President, who is appointed for a term of two years and can be re-elected, is responsible for the overall direction of the activites of the Corporation. His duties include: proposing amendments to the Statutes and bylaws to the Board of Directors, summoning and presiding over the Board, and presenting the annual work programme to the Board for its approval. The Director General, appointed by the Board for a term of two years, is the legal representative of the Corporation. His principal functions are, inter alia: to ensure that the resolutions and decisions of the Board of Directors are adhered to; to organize the different departments of the Corporation; to act as Secretary of the Board; to designate personnel; and to assume the responsibility for the financial management of the Corporation.

Financial resources

5. The Corporation's resources are derived from funds donated by the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Germany, resources from specific studies

financed by international organizations, as well as from consultancies, training courses, donations and the sale of publications.

Relations with other international organizations

6. CORDES maintains working relations with the following organizations: Programme of Joint Studies on Latin American International Relations (RIAL), Cartagena Agreement (JUNAC), and the International Centre for Economic Development (CINDE).

Publications

7. CORDES periodically publishes two reports on the Ecuadorian economy and two books on international and national seminars are published every year, as well as a series of research studies it has carried out.

Liaison

8. Liaison with UNCTAD will be maintained by the Director General, Mr. Esteban Vega.

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10. The working language of the Corporation is Spanish.